

# Non-Decisional Items



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**FEDERAL ENERGY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Chairman Neil Chatterjee  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE  
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Rio Grande LNG and Rio Bravo Pipeline  
Docket Nos. CP16-454-000 and CP16-455-000

Dear Chairman Chatterjee:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Port of Brownsville expressing our continued support for the Rio Grande LNG Project and the associated Rio Bravo Pipeline Project. These projects will create thousands of job opportunities for the people of the Rio Grande Valley. We have worked closely with Houston-based Next Decade Corporation to advance its plans to develop these important infrastructure projects at and near our port.

The Port of Brownsville is the only deep-water seaport located directly on the U.S./Mexico border. We are a large land-owning public port authority with approximately 40,000 acres of land. Next Decade's plans to construct and operate a natural gas liquefaction and export facility will help the nation mitigate trade deficits with key allies and improve the global environment through the provision of clean-burning, U.S. produced natural gas. The Rio Grande LNG and the Rio Bravo Pipeline projects are expected to contribute more than \$35 billion to the U.S. GDP during construction, and more than \$500 million annually during operations. These projects will help further our nation's energy independence, which is a key priority of our current administration, the Congress and policymakers throughout Texas.

We very much appreciate the FERC's staff efforts to review these projects, resulting in the October 18, 2018 issuance of the draft environmental impact statement. We understand this work is carried out in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act, and it is very rigorous, time-consuming and resource intensive.

We look forward to the timely issuance of a final environmental impact statement and to your final approval of the projects as soon as possible. We are confident that in the coming months, Next Decade will accomplish its commercial and engineering milestones and that final approval of these projects will create tremendous opportunities for the Port of Brownsville. These projects will provide significant economic benefits our region and for the entire State of Texas that will be felt for generations.

Sincerely,



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Port of Brownsville

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